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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/17/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-2, 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Jacobson (U. S. Pat. 6,499,227) in view of Rudeen et al. (U. S. Pub. No. 2004/0084495 A1) or Antczak et al. (U. S. Pat. 5,934,530).

Jacobson shows a golf cart 15 comprising at least one external surface 32 of a support 20 and an apparatus 10 for coupling a glove 80 to the external surface of a support 20 of the golf cart 15. The apparatus 10 has a body 35, 40 with an inner surface (facing the external surface 20 of golf cart 15) and an outer surface (opposite to the inner surface). The body 35 is substantially concentrically aligned with and coupled to the support 20 of the golf cart 15 such that the inner surface remains in substantial contact against the least one external surface 20 of the golf cart 15 during the operation of the golf cart 15. The body 35 has at least one first fastening mechanism

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70 coupled to the body inner surface to said at least one external surface 20 of the golf cart 15.

The body outer surface has at least one second fastening mechanism 50, 74, 126, 136 for removably coupling a glove 80 directly to the body 35 such that the glove 80 remains coupled to the apparatus 10 during the operation of the golf cart 15. Or alternatively, assuming the glove is not coupled directly to body, Ruddeen et al. teach a golf accessory carrier comprising a sheet material body 200 with an inner surface and an outer surface 210 having Velcro material for removably coupling a glove directly to the body same as claimed. The body 200 substantially concentrically aligned with a support. Antczak et al. teach a golf accessory organizer comprising a sheet material body 1 with an inner surface and an outer surface 19, 21 having Velcro material for removably coupling a glove 53 directly to the body same as claimed. The body 1 substantially concentrically aligned with a support. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the golf accessory carrier/organizer of Rudeen et al. or Antczak et al. for the glove coupling apparatus 35 of Jacobson in order to facilitate coupling and removing glove to the golf cart.

4. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ellenburg (U. S. Pat. 5,983,518) in view of Rudeen et al. (U. S. Pub. No. 2004/0084495 A1) or Antczak et al. (U. S. Pat. 5,934,530).

Ellenburg shows a golf cart 34 comprising at least one external surface 32 of a support 32 and an apparatus 10 for coupling a glove 36 to the external surface 32 of the support 32 of the golf cart 34. The apparatus 10 has a body 20, 24 with an inner surface (facing the external surface 32 of golf cart 34) and an outer surface 20 (opposite to inner surface). The body 20, 24 is substantially concentrically aligned with and coupled to the support 32 of the golf cart 34 such

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that the substantially all of the inner surface remains in contact against the least one external surface 32 of the golf cart 34 during the operation of the golf cart 34. The body 24 has at least one fastening mechanism (inner surface of 24 by friction) for coupling the body inner surface to said at least one external surface 32 of the golf cart 34. The body outer surface has at least one fastening mechanism 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 38, 40 for removably coupling a glove 36 (e.g. oversized glove) directly to the body 24 such that the glove 36 remains coupled to the apparatus 10, 12, 19 during the operation of the golf cart 34. The body comprises at least one fastening mechanism 26-30 for securing the body inner surface against the at least one external surface. For claim 7, the fastening mechanism of Ellenburg is capable of coupling an outer surface of a glove directly to the drying system. Or alternatively, assuming the glove is not coupled directly to body, Ruddeen et al. teach a golf accessory carrier comprising a sheet material body 200 with an inner surface and an outer surface 210 having Velcro material for removably coupling an outer surface of a glove directly to the body same as claimed. The body 200 substantially concentrically aligned with a support. Antczak et al. teach a golf accessory organizer comprising a sheet material body 1 with an inner surface and an outer surface 19, 21 having Velcro material for removably coupling an outer surface of a glove 53 directly to the body same as claimed. The body 1 substantially concentrically aligned with a support. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the golf accessory carrier/organizer of Rudeen et al. or Antczak et al. for the glove coupling apparatus 10 of Ellenburg in order to facilitate coupling and removing glove to the golf cart.

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5. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Passafiume (U. S. Pat. 2002/0138953 A1) in view of Rudeen et al. (U. S. Pub. No. 2004/0084495 A1) or Antczak et al. (U. S. Pat. 5,934,530).

Passafiume shows a golf cart 14 comprising at least one external surface 12 of a support 12, 22 and an apparatus 10 for coupling a glove 20 to the external surface 12 of the golf cart 14. The apparatus 10 has a body 56 with an inner surface 54a, 56a, 58a and an outer surface 54b, 56b, 58b. The body 10 is substantially concentrically aligned with and coupled to the support 12, 22 of the golf cart 14 such that the substantially all of the inner surface remains in contact against the least one external surface 12 of the golf cart 14 during the operation of the golf cart 14. The body 10 has at least one fastening mechanism (inner surface of 54a-58a and 60, 62 by friction and clamping) for coupling the body inner surface to said at least one external surface 12 of the support 12, 22 of the golf cart 14. The body outer surface has at least one second fastening mechanism 30-80 for removably coupling a glove 20 (oversized glove) directly to the body 10 such that an oversized glove 20 is capable of remaining directly coupled to the apparatus 10 during the operation of the golf cart 14. The body comprises at least one fastening mechanism 60, 62, 64 for securing the body inner surface against the at least one external surface. For claim 13, see first fastening mechanism 62, 64 adjacent the body first end and at least one second fastening mechanism 60, 64 adjacent the body second end. For claims 7 and 13, the fastening mechanism of Passafiume is capable of coupling an outer surface of a glove directly to the drying system. Or alternatively, assuming the glove is not coupled directly to body, Ruddeen et al. teach a golf accessory carrier comprising a sheet material body 200 with an inner surface and an outer surface 210 having Velcro material for removably coupling an outer surface of a glove

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directly to the body same as claimed. The body 200 substantially concentrically aligned with a support. Antczak et al. teach a golf accessory organizer comprising a sheet material body 1 with an inner surface and an outer surface 19, 21 having Velcro material for removably coupling an outer surface of a glove 53 directly to the body same as claimed. The body 1 substantially concentrically aligned with a support. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the golf accessory carrier/organizer of Rudeen et al. or Antczak et al. for the glove coupling apparatus 10 of Passafiume in order to facilitate coupling and removing glove to the golf cart.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

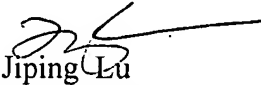
Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jiping Lu whose telephone number is 571 272 4878. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, EHUD GARTENBERG can be reached on 571 272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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